

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 11, 2005

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

- Mary Montminy-Danna**
- Maureen Egan**
- Daniel Wheelan**

Board members not in attendance:

- Robin Boyajian**
- Deborah Debare**

Staff members in attendance:

- Donna Dickerman**

Others in Attendance:

- Mark Barone**

- Gail Creque

The Open Minutes of the meetings held on May 2, 2005 were presented. On a motion by Ms. Eagan and seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, it was unanimously voted to accept them as presented.

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following individuals for licensure as independent clinical social workers, pending successful completion of the clinical level examination:

**- Kevin Ascoli - Amy Cousineau - Catherine Doktor
- Nicole Ford - Sarah Morry - Laura Reynolds
- Maribeth Scahill - Theresa Thornton**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following individuals for licensure as independent clinical social workers by endorsement:

**- Marc Cohen - Sara Duggan - Martha Lawton
- Maryanne Lohrey - Ling Zhang - Jennifer Theberge-Ierardi**

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Mark Barone and Gail Creque, independent clinical social worker

applicants, met independently with the Board pursuant to Section 5.3.2 of the licensing rules and regulations, to qualify for reexamination after three (3) unsuccessful attempts to pass the national certification exam.

- Mark Barone last took the exam last in 2003, citing financial hardship as the reason. He has used several methods of studying: study guides, audio and online. Mr. Barone stated he feels the ASWB study guide more realistically relates to the exam. The Board suggested the “Generalist Practice Social Work Guide”, which is comprehensive, covering all exam components. This guide has vignettes, scenarios and applications, and gives outlines by percent of value of test areas.

- Gail Creque cited the following methods of studying: twice completing a two-day refresher course as Brandeis University; enrollment in “Test Master”; and the study guide from ASWB. As for Mr. Barone, the Board suggested the “Generalist Practice Social Work Guide”.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Upon a motion by Dan Wheelan, seconded by Maureen Eagan, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and

licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees and proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Complaints 2005-01-SW and 2005-05-SW were addressed.

Upon completion of business in Executive Session, Daniel Wheelan entered a motion, seconded by Ms. Eagan, it was unanimously voted to return to Open Session in accordance with Section 42-46-4 of the Open Meetings Law to report its vote(s), to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Board's final action: 2005-05-SW – no unprofessional conduct, complaint dismissed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Wheelan, and seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Acting Board Administrator

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